

REMARKS

Claims 31, 33, 34, 39, 42, 44, 45, and 50-62 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 63-64, without prejudice.

Based on the foregoing Amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION:

The Examiner rejected Claims 63 and 64 "on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 42, 51, and 52 of U.S. Patent No. 7,397,363 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,077 and claim 1." As noted above, Applicant has canceled Claims 63 and 64, without prejudice. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 63 and 64 be withdrawn.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that only allowable subject matter remains in this case.

Allowance of pending Claims 31, 33, 34, 39, 42, 44, 45, and 50-62 is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 31, 33, 34, 39, 42, 44, 45, and 50-62 is respectfully requested.

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